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CONTROVERSY BREWS OVER BOARD SEAT

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - The controversy over a prominent charter school network offering a sitting Newark Public Schools Board of Education member a seat on their board may spill into NPS' scheduled Oct. 28 public meeting.

KIPP, on one of its Oct. 13 Tweets, announced that they are welcoming A'Dorian Murray-Thomas "to the KIPP Board."

The KIPP Tweet lists Murray-Thomas as the founder of "SHE Wins NJ, a President Obama White House Champion of Change and the youngest woman ever elected to @NPSvoices."

The above highlights on Murray-Thomas' resume are accurate. She founded SHE Wins, Inc. to prepare Newark girls to attend college and become civic leaders. President Obama had named her among



his 2016 11 "Champions of Change for College Opportunity."

The White House and NPS websites have listed some of Murray-Thomas' additional accomplishments. They include advocating for Rutgers Abbott Leadership Institute's Youth Medium Symposium to receive a \$100,000 grant from State Farm while she was that insurance company's education committee chairwoman.

Murray-Thomas was 23 when
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BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE SEEKS HELP

By Lev D. Zilbermintz

BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield College is seeking philanthropic assistance to prevent possible closure in 2023.

Located in Bloomfield, New Jersey, the private school had 1598 students during the 2019-2020 academic year, compared to 1896 during the 2016-2017 academic year and 2,018 during the 2010-2011 academic year, according to data from the National Center for Education Studies.

A decade of decreasing enrollment, together with the coronavirus pandemic, have left the school in crisis.

School officials say that there are enough resources to complete the 2021 - 2022 academic year. It is not clear whether there are enough resources for the 2022 - 2023 academic year. In an interview with Inside Higher Education, Bloomfield College President

Marcheta Evans laid bare the situation faced by the college.

According to President Evans, "the college has sufficient resources to meet all its obligations and complete the 2021 - 2022 academic year. However, without significant philanthropic assistance - or the intervention of a like-minded higher education institution -- we would not be able to know with certainty that Bloomfield College can complete the 2022 - 2023 academic year."

College Statistics

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 51% of the students are Black or African American; 31% are Hispanic/Latino; 8% are White; 2% are Asian; 1% are American Indian or Alaskan Native; 1% are two or more races. Eighty-seven percent of

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Editorial
 Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

We had another storm, but luckily it did not cripple a lot of our neighborhood. However, those who have a leaking problem from the roof have to wait until the winds calm down, as contractors cannot go on the roof to fix it.

Facebook is facing problems due to their policies. A whistleblower frankly said that Facebook and Founder Mark Zuckerberg have a policy to keep the profits in mind over the expense of the people's privacy. Also, documents about the January 6th Capitol riot revealed that it is Facebook's ability to spread content that potentially incites violence. According to the Asso-

ciated Press, "We've been fueling this fire for a long time, and we shouldn't be surprised it's now out of control."

The worst part of Facebook is how it addresses different languages in the world. Facebook does not have great control over different languages like Arabic, Hindi, Japanese. The methods are meant by some to avoid an overzealous content moderation system. The AP reported that certain measures have managed to avoid Facebook's hate speech censors. In India, Facebook added hate speech classifiers in Hindi and Bengali. It is not easy for Facebook, but they are making billions of dollars and they are the number one social media platform in the world. So, they must be very careful. They have a department to handle hate crime languages, but how the department handles millions of messages is very important. They should keep their political agenda, if any, aside and act in the best interest of the people.

President Biden made a smaller infrastructure plan from

\$3.4 trillion to \$2 trillion. But he wants his infrastructure plan approved before he visits the climate change summit on Monday November 1, 2021. As per Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, the negotiations have been done and a final version of the draft is almost materialized. They are expecting to propose the resolution in the senate this week. Let's see what happens.

The democrats have stated they would tax billionaires in their campaign in 2020. Senator Wyden of Oregon has proposed a billionaire tax annually on their assets (like income tax) and appreciation on their assets every year. The proposal is good, but it is complicated and the billionaires with their best legal and accounting advisers will find loopholes and save money. For Wyden's proposal, Elon Musk, owner of Tesla, tweeted "Eventually, they run out of other people's money and then they come for you."

The democrats have tried to get bipartisan support to pass the debt limit ceiling increase. That

requires 60 to 40 votes in the Senate, so due to no support from the republicans, the proposal never came to the floor of the Senate or Congress.

Biden's plan is better than Wyden's plan. Biden suggested the death tax be raised (from 20 to 25%). It gives almost the same amount of taxes to the Feds, and there are less chances of loopholes. However, the country needs money now, and with the death tax, the government has to wait until someone dies. It is very critical which plan is adopted. The Biden administration will make a deal as it is very important for Biden to show the world that he is in charge and he has achieved his plans of climate change and infrastructure. Biden has visited New Jersey, Michigan, and Virginia. He visited Virginia to give support in a close contest for former Governor Democrat Terry McAuliffe.

*Have a wonderful week.
 I'll talk to you next week.*

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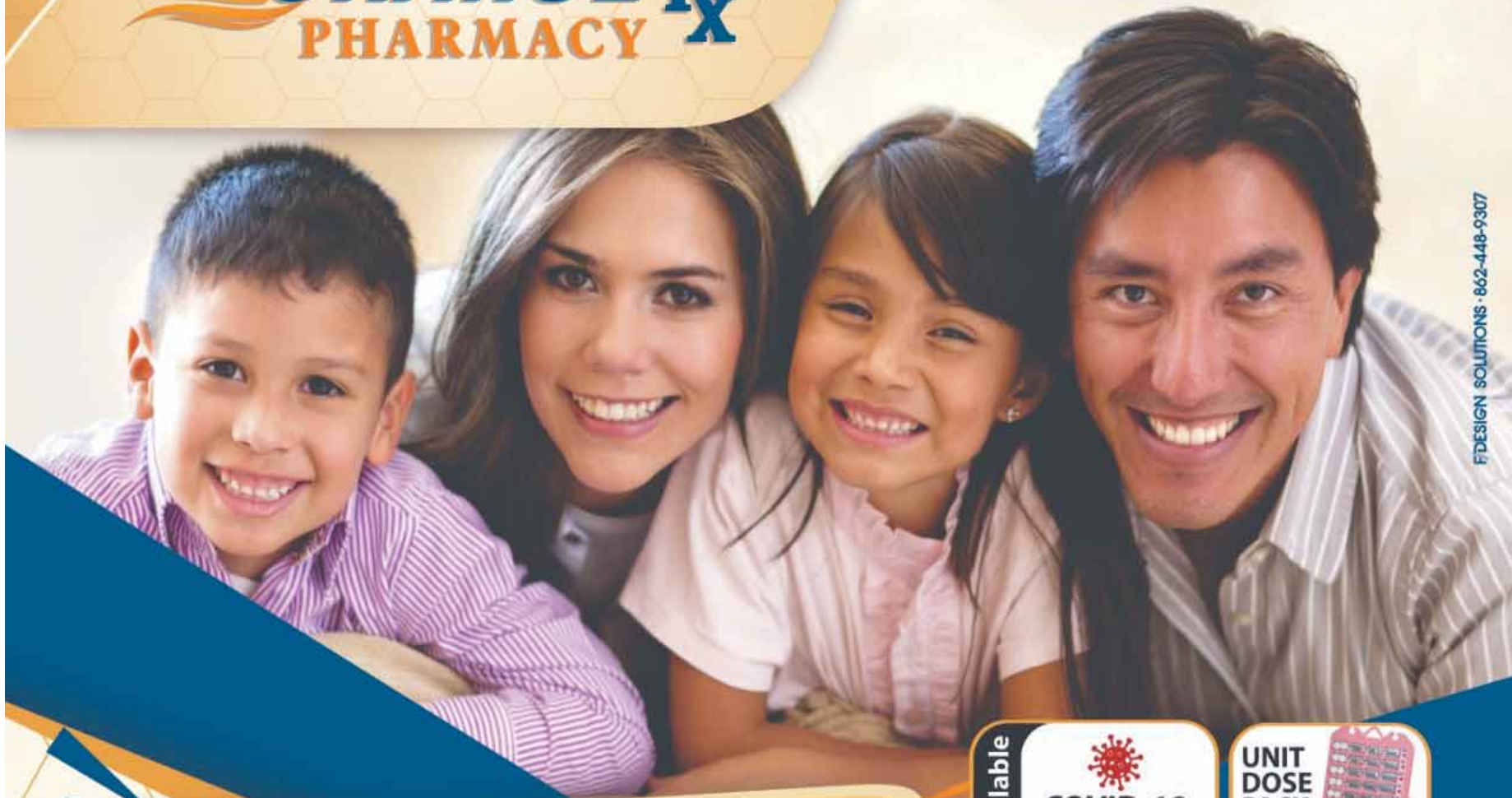
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Pediatric Vaccines: FAQs

The COVID vaccine is now available for children between 12 and 17 - that's no longer news. But, as with most things about the coronavirus vaccine, there is a cloud of skepticism about children getting vaccinated. Some

parents, for various reasons, just don't believe the vaccine is safe enough.

I wouldn't dare chastise them, though. In fact, I am happy parents will ensure their kids take only the safest possible medicines. But, by answering some of the frequently asked questions about the vaccine in kids, I hope to dispel the fears about the vaccine's safety.

Can my child get the vaccine?

Yes, if your child is over 12 years old. Studies are still ongoing in younger kids. Approval for 5-11 years old is near and I suspect it'll happen within a couple of weeks.

Why should my child get the vaccine if children are low-risk?

Children are indeed low-risk. Transmission of the virus through children isn't as smooth as with adults, and when they do get the



virus, the resulting conditions and symptoms are not as serious. But they can still get the virus. They can still spread the virus. They can still be hospitalized from the virus. And, worst of all, they can still die from the virus, especially with the emergence of new strains. This is more than enough reason for them to get the vaccine. Some risks just aren't worth taking.

Is the vaccine safe for children?

Yes, the vaccine is safe for children, which is why it was approved in the first place. The reason it took so long for the vaccine to be approved in children below 18 because the CDC wanted to be sure it was safe. They couldn't afford to take chances, and they didn't. Enough studies and clinical trials were conducted to ensure the safety of the vaccine.

What vaccine should my child get?

Right now, only the Pfizer-BioTech vaccine is available for children between 12 and 17 years. But you can be sure other companies will come up with their pediatric versions soon enough.

Can my child handle the vaccine?

This is one of the more worrying areas for parents. They tend to believe their kids cannot handle the vaccine because they don't have a fully developed immune system. Although children don't have a fully developed immune system, the load the vaccine places on them is nothing to be worried about. In fact, you will have more to worry about if your child gets the

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This Meeting will be conducted via video conference, streaming on Facebook live-facebook.com/eocitycouncil. Residents and all parties of interest are allowed to submit a written public comment or question via email to be read during the "Open Hearing of Citizens" portion of the Meeting. Comments/questions are to be emailed in advance by 11:30 AM on Friday, November 5, 2021.

Formal action will be taken.

Christopher D. James
City Council Chairman

Cynthia S. Brown
City Clerk

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

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students are age 24 and under; 13% are 25 and over. Bloomfield College students are 91% full-time and 9% part-time. Student gender is 63% female and 37% male.

According to President Evans as cited by Inside Higher Education, "Our students tend to be first generation and first in their families to attend college. Seventy-one percent of our students are Pell Grant eligible, and many work one or two jobs while taking a full credit load.

History

The 2002-2003 Bloomfield College catalog states that Bloomfield College was originally founded as the German Theological Seminary of Newark, New Jersey, in 1868. The first classes were held in 1869. Three years later, the school moved to Bloomfield. The new home was the former Bloomfield Academy at Franklin and Liberty Streets. Today it is known as

Seibert Hall.

By 1913, the school changed its name to Bloomfield Theological Seminary. At that time, it was serving 15 language groups. Today Bloomfield College serves 60 nationalities.

Hoping to attract support for the school, Bloomfield College President Marcheta Evans and the college leadership made the decision to make the college's crisis public. The tactic has worked so far, with responses coming from alumni, staff, faculty, trustees, former employees, and other members of the Bloomfield College community.

Options

Bloomfield College is looking at a number of different options. According to the college website, "Bloomfield College is seeking strategic relationships with other schools (partnership, merger, affiliation, etc.) and philanthropic support from the higher education and corporate communities to enable the four-year institution to continue its vital mission - creating educa-

tional pathways that are often not otherwise available for minority and low-income students."

One option is merging with a larger institution, such as Rutgers University. Under this hypothetical scenario, Bloomfield College would become part of a larger school. Thus, XYZ University, Bloomfield College.

Another option is finding enough philanthropic assistance to keep the school open. This would mean getting rich millionaires and alumni from the corporate, business and private sectors to help out financially.

According to Inside Higher Education, President Evans said that the ideal response to her call for support would be "two phone calls. One would be from a philanthropist who offers to meet our needs no matter what they are. And the second from a like-minded institution that says, Bloomfield College, you're the higher ed partner we've been dreaming about - let's go!"

A third option is selling some assets, such as dorms on Franklin Street, to raise money. Whether this hypothetical sce-

nario is being considered is hard to say. However, there is precedent for this. Back in the early 1970s the school sold off some property to settle debts and raise money. However, the 1970s did not see a decrease in enrollment, a pandemic or the Internet.

Closing the school is something no one wants to do except as a very last resort. According to public statements by college officials, the community at large has been asked to help keep the college open.

Public Appeal. Response from Community

On October 19, President Evans held an Advocacy Day on campus. According to Inside Higher Education, Evans said, "I laid out the situation fully, and questions from the college community were answered by a panel that included the chair and vice chair of the Board of Trustees along with several members of my executive team."

Three days later, as word spread, Bloomfield Mayor Mi-

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TRAGEDY ON FILM SET

UNITED STATES

Santa Fe County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Bonanza Creek Ranch movie set of the western "Rust" when a 911 caller reported a shooting on the set.

The sheriff's office confirmed on Oct. 21 that two individuals were shot on the set of "Rust." Halyna Hutchins, 42, director of photography and Joel Souza, 48, director, were shot when a prop firearm was discharged by Alec Baldwin, 68, producer and actor.

Ms. Hutchins was transported, via helicopter, to University of New Mexico Hospital where she was pronounced dead by medical personnel. Mr. Souza was transported by ambulance to Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical center where he is undergoing treatment for his injuries.

This investigation remains open and active. No charges have been filed in regard to this incident. Witnesses continue to be interviewed by detectives.

Baldwin, who is known for his work in film and television as well as his portrayal of Donald Trump on "Saturday Night Live," tweeted the following:

"There are no words to convey my shock and sadness regarding the tragic accident that took the life of Halyna Hutchins, a wife, mother and deeply admired colleague of ours. I'm fully cooperating with the police investigation to address how this tragedy occurred and I am in touch with her husband, offering my support to him and his family. My heart is broken for her husband, their son, and all who knew and loved Halyna."

SUDAN BREAKING DOWN

AFRICA

UN Secretary-General, António Guterres on Oct. 25 condemned the "ongoing military coup" in Sudan, saying Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and all other officials, "must be released immediately." In a statement, he called for the "immediate reconstitution" of the Government, which is due to guide Sudan through to democratic elections.

Long-time ruler Omar al-Bashir was overthrown by the military following months of popular protest in April 2019, and a transitional government was set up comprising both military and civilian leadership, after a power-sharing agreement, that was due to lead to full democratic elections in 2023.

Now, according to news agencies, Sudan's military has dissolved civilian rule, arrested political leaders and declared a state of emergency. Protesters have reportedly taken to the streets of the capital, Khartoum, and there are reports of gunfire.

In a statement posted on Twitter, the Secretary-General said that "there must be full respect for the constitutional charter to protect the hard-won political transition."

In a full statement issued later in the day, through his Spokesperson, Mr. Guterres said that "Sudanese stakeholders must immediately return to dialogue, and engage in good faith to restore the constitutional order and Sudan's transitional process.

"The United Nations reiterates its unwavering commitment and support to the realization of Sudan's political transition. Any attempts to undermine this transition process puts at risk Sudan's security, stability and development.

He added that the UN "will continue to stand with the people of Sudan as they strive to fulfil their aspirations for a peaceful, prosperous and democratic future."

The UN High Commissioner

for Human Rights also condemned the attempted coup.

"These actions threaten the Juba Peace Agreement and jeopardize the important progress made towards democracy and respect for human rights", Michelle Bachelet said.

She called on military authorities to abide by the constitutional order and international law, withdraw from the streets, and resolve any differences with civilian leaders serving on the Transitional Council through dialogue and negotiation.

"I utterly deplore the reported arrest of the Prime Minister, several Ministers, leaders of the Forces of the Freedom and Change and other civil society representatives, and call for their immediate release," she continued.

Ms. Bachelet also pointed out reports that the internet is down in the country and other means of communication are suspended.

"Blanket internet shutdowns contravene international law, and Internet and mobile services must be restored, as they are essential for people to seek and receive information, particularly in these unsettling circumstances," she explained.

DEPORTATIONS CONDEMNED

CARIBBEAN

A group of UN human rights experts have condemned the United States of America's recent and ongoing systematic mass deportation of Haitian migrants and refugees, declaring them a violation of international law.

According to their analysis, US policies have also deterred Haitians from pursuing protection including asylum claims and forced them to return to other countries, "where they face an atmosphere of racial discrimination, gender violence and xenophobic violence," said a news release issued on behalf of the experts, on Oct. 25.

"In expediting the collective expulsion of Haitian migrants,

the United States is subjecting a group of predominantly Black migrants to impermissible risks of refoulement and human rights abuse without any individualized evaluation," the experts said.

"International law prohibits arbitrary or collective expulsions. States cannot label all migrants of a certain nationality per se threats to national security, and all migrants, no matter their nationality, race or migration status, must be guaranteed the protections called for under international law," they reminded the US Government.

The mass deportations seemingly continue a history of racialized exclusion of Black Haitian migrants and refugees at US ports of entry, the experts said.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Title 42 policy carried out by the US Government, initially under the previous Trump administration, has authorized the collective expulsion of any migrants and asylum seekers who seek to cross US land borders, without an individual evaluation of their circumstances and protection needs, experts noted.

When it comes to relevant international law, the US has ratified the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

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EUROPE

Low carbon more efficient heating systems such as heat pumps will be no more expensive - and in many cases may end up cheaper - to buy and run than gas boilers, under government plans being announced.

Through the Heat and Buildings Strategy, the government has set out its plan to incentivize people to install low-carbon

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Investing Ideas - Part 1

When the pandemic started in March 2020 with global lockdowns, etc., it dawned on me that while many existing businesses would be severely challenged, there would also be opportunities created by Covid for some creative business owners.

Last year we all started using Zoom for example. While this service existed prior to the pandemic, the company made tremendous financial strides in 2020. As of May 2020, Zoom had 200 million daily meeting participants. In June, the figure had risen to 300 million. Zoom had 10 million daily participants in December 2019. The company had a phenomenal year!

The growth continues into 2021. Other businesses that thrived during the pandemic were the online sales, especially through Amazon. Drive thru and delivery businesses also gained large numbers of clients in the past 12 months.

For an individual looking for investment options, the first place one can start is from looking at one's own skills and capabilities. Some people have been able to successfully develop businesses utilizing their professional skills. The easiest skills to commercialize are in the areas of accounting, computer science and bookkeeping. Having noted that, there are still more areas of expertise that can be commercialized.

For example, writers have

many opportunities to obtain contracts these days. With sites such as Fiverr.com and Frelancer.com, one can register and bid for contracts. Fiverr.com is especially suitable for social media professionals, artists and web developers. People are seeking websites, marketing assistance and social media expertise amongst others.

Where do the ideas come from? One option for ideas is the environment within which one lives. It is possible that specific business opportunities could be within your grasp simply because you are within that environment. This is an opportunity that can be taken care of.

For example, if one is living in a community that does not have a wide variety of restaurants, this could be an opportunity to introduce a new restaurant that could be quite successful. In New Jersey for example, some investors took the risk and started chains of the popular franchise, Golden Crust. The chain sells mainly Jamaican food.

In Downtown Newark and other parts of New Jersey, this chain is thriving! I used to live near a Golden Crust store in New Jersey not too long ago. Each time that I went to this restaurant, I was met with lines of customers stretching out the door! This summer in Atlanta, Georgia, I noticed that Golden Crust had a large following in the South as well!

Apart from looking at one's environment, one can also look further and wider into other environments. Opportunities appear daily to provide a better product or service that people are willing to pay for. The basic areas to start researching for investments thus fall into the areas of food and clothing. The reason why many people look at these investment areas because the start up capital options varies from very low to very high. To a large extent, the scale of startup is dependent on you!

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Caldwell	692	16	700	16
Cedar Grove	1729	121	1741	121
East Orange	8081	327	8148	334
Essex Fells	211	2	212	2
Fairfield	1012	33	1013	33
Glen Ridge	470	14	472	14
Irvington	5403	242	5423	244
Livingston	2142	89	2156	89
Maplewood	1568	41	1579	42
Millburn	1006	11	1018	11
Montclair	2652	75	2685	75
Newark	40839	1055	40995	1055
North Caldwell	578	7	584	7
Nutley	3443	68	3462	68
Orange	3887	141	3900	142
Roseland	543	17	545	17
South Orange	1136	16	1143	16
Verona	1159	18	1168	18
West Caldwell	1176	54	1185	54
West Orange	5147	235	5160	235
Total	95136	2829	95594	2840

OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of October 27, 2021)
NJ: 1,037,478 cases / 25,115 deaths (Plus 2,814 probable)
United States (approx.): 45.670 Million / 740,100 deaths
Worldwide (approx.): 244.876 Million / 4.97 Million deaths

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MAKES COMMITMENT TO COMBAT REDLINING

NEWARK - The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey announced its partnership with the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division as it launches the department's new Combatting Redlining Initiative.

Redlining is an illegal practice in which lenders avoid providing services to individuals living in communities of color because of the race or national origin of the people who live in those communities. The new Initiative represents the department's most aggressive and coordinated enforcement effort to address redlining, which is prohibited by the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

"Lending discrimination runs counter to fundamental promises of our economic system. When people are denied credit simply because of their race or national origin, their ability to share in our nation's prosperity is all but eliminated," said Attorney General Garland. "Today, we are committing ourselves to addressing modern-day redlining by making far more robust use of our fair lending authorities. We will spare no resource to ensure that federal fair lending laws are vigorously enforced and that financial institutions provide equal opportunity for every American to obtain credit."

"Redlining is a form of discrimination that has devastating consequences for communities

of color," said Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael A. Honig. "By systemically and unlawfully denying credit to those in minority neighborhoods, a bank that redlines causes those neighborhoods to deteriorate by unfairly denying residents opportunities to become a homeowner. This office has vigorously enforced the Fair Housing Act and Equal Credit Opportunity Act to combat the practice of redlining.

"In 2015, together with the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, we filed suit to obtain a consent order requiring Hudson City Savings Bank to end its pattern or practice of redlining predominantly Black and Hispanic neighborhoods. The consent order, which represented the Justice Department's largest residential mortgage redlining settlement in its history, required the bank to make systemic changes to its practices and pay \$25 million in loan subsidies to individuals in the redlined neighborhoods. We are pleased that, earlier this year, the bank satisfied its obligations under the schedule set forth in the consent order. This office enthusiastically joins in the Justice Department's Combatting Redlining Initiative and will continue its work to end redlining in the District of New Jersey."

Redlining, a practice institutionalized by the federal govern-

ment during the New Deal era and implemented then and now by private lenders, has had a lasting negative impact. For American families, homeownership remains the principal means of building wealth, and the deprivation of investment in and access to mortgage lending services for communities of color have contributed to families of color persistently lagging behind in homeownership rates and net worth compared to white families. The gap in homeownership rates between white and Black families is larger today than it was in 1960, before the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

This Initiative, which will be led by the Civil Rights Division's Housing and Civil Enforcement Section in partnership with U.S. Attorney's Offices, will build on the longstanding work by the Division that seeks to make mortgage credit and homeownership accessible to all Americans on the same terms, regardless of race or national origin and regardless of the neighborhood where they live. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey's Civil Rights Unit will continue its active partnership with the Civil Rights Division as it joins in this initiative. The initiative will:

- Utilize U.S. Attorneys' Offices as force multipliers to ensure that fair lending enforcement is informed by

local expertise on housing markets and the credit needs of local communities of color.

- Expand the department's analyses of potential redlining to both depository and non-depository institutions. Non-depository lenders are not traditional banks and do not provide typical banking services, but engage in mortgage lending and now make the majority of mortgages in this country.

- Strengthen our partnership with financial regulatory agencies such as to ensure the identification and referrals of fair lending violations to the Department of Justice.

- Increase coordination with State Attorneys General on potential fair lending violations.

Individuals may report lending discrimination by calling the Justice Department's Housing Discrimination Tip Line at 1-833-591-0291, or submitting a report online. Complaints of discrimination may also be made by contacting the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey at (855) 281-3339 or by filing a complaint online.

SETTLEMENT REACHED WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTOR IN WAGE CASE

TRENTON - Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that a telecommunications contractor will pay \$175,000 to resolve allegations that the company defrauded the state while denying its workers the wages they earned.

The settlement with Adalex Enterprises Corp. d/b/a Adalex Communications; Advance Telecom Resources, Inc.; and Adalex's principals Anthony Parisella and Joseph Notarangelo comes in a whistleblower suit alleging that the company failed to pay its workers the prevailing wages required by law while the

company was contracted to perform telecommunications work for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey ("UMDNJ"). The State moved to intervene in the case in September 2020.

More than half of this settlement will be paid to two former Adalex employees whom the State identified as having been underpaid. The whistleblower who first revealed the allegedly unlawful conduct also will receive a \$25,000 share of the settlement.

"We're putting money back in the pockets of the workers

who earned it," said Acting Attorney General Bruck. "As this case demonstrates, we are using all of the tools at our disposal to protect New Jersey workers."

"Public contracting is a privilege, not a right," said Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo. "The vast majority of public contractors are good actors who do the right things for their employees. But, as this case clearly shows, we are committed to rooting out the bad actors and making sure those working on public projects receive all the wages and benefits they are due."

The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act establishes a prevailing wage level for workers engaged in public works in order to safeguard the worker's efficiency and general well-being, and to protect them as well as their employers from the effects of unfair competition.

The law requires the payment of minimum rates of pay to laborers, craftsmen, and apprentices employed on public works projects. When a contractor fails to pay a worker the prevailing wage after committing to do so,

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TOWN WATCH

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NEWARK - A man took a trip he didn't want to take, to a local hospital, after an encounter with a local CoachUSA bus here Oct. 21.

Newark police detectives are figuring out how the pedestrian was struck by a CoachUSA No. 31 bus in the area of South Orange and Stuyvesant avenues around 2:30 p.m. that Thursday.

Witnesses said that he was dragged several feet along South Orange Avenue before the driver noticed and stopped. The victim was admitted to the hospital with critical injuries.

CoachUSA has long operated the No. 31 Newark-South Orange route. It uses NABI buses leased from New Jersey Transit.

IRVINGTON - The Essex County Prosecutor's Office, on Oct. 20, identified the victim of an Oct. 17 rollover here as an East Orange man.

Irvington Fire Department members, who had arrived at Coit and Herpers streets 10:28 p.m. that Sunday, found Rahmeer F. Clary, 20, inside after that extinguished the car's blaze. Clary was declared dead there 10:30 p.m.

Clary was a passenger in a Range Rover that Irvington police and the ECPO Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force said was stolen. The SUV was running at a high rate of speed when it struck a parked car, then a tree, and overturned.

IPD officers chased and apprehended the three other people who had bailed out of the Range Rover; they have been charged on related charges. One of them has only been identified as "the 17-year-old driver."

Clary's funeral was scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 27 at Newark's Cotton Funeral Service.

EAST ORANGE - The long arm of local law, with the assistance of Florida sheriff's officers, collared a man, wanted in a Sept. 18 fatal shooting of a city man, there Oct. 19.

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II announced that Polk County deputies had served an arrest warrant and took into custody James A. Lewis, 51, at a Winter Haven home earlier that Tuesday. That warrant helped deputies find evidence linking Lewis to the Sept. 18 shooting.

Lewis had been charged in the South Oraton Parkway and Chestnut Street murder of Troy S. Traynham. Traynham, 50, was found with multiple gunshot wounds 4:40 p.m. Sept. 18 and was rushed to University Hospital - where he died at 4:48 p.m.

Witnesses said that Traynham was unloading groceries from his girlfriend's car when Lewis fired multiple rounds into him and carjacked the woman. The arrest warrant states that Lewis zip-tied his unwilling passenger and left her aboard after crashing the vehicle and fleeing.

Lewis awaits extradition to Newark. He is being held in the Polk Central County Jail, Bartow on carjacking, kidnapping and weapons charges.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said that Lewis was serving a 40-year prison sentence in a 1989 East Orange robbery and homicide but was released 10 years early due to COVID crowding concerns. "In less than two years of being released early," said Judd, "he murdered again."

ORANGE - The relatives, friends and colleagues of Orange Police Department Off. Dashon D. Williams have scheduled an Oct. 31 viewing and Nov. 1 funeral here at St. Matthew AME Church.

OPD, in its Oct. 18 Facebook posting, announced Off. Williams' end of watch as Oct. 16. Williams, 42, had died that Saturday in University Hospital.

Williams, who was born June 25, 1979, received Badge No. 261 after joining the force Jan. 13, 2003. Colleagues remember the South Ward resident for his selflessness, humor and, "Holla at ya, boy" send-off.

Monday's 11 a.m. funeral service follows Sunday's 4-8 p.m. visitation. Arrangements have been made by the Garden Hill Funeral Service. Condolences for widow Lachina Williams and the family may be left at chinaworthern@gmail.com.

WEST ORANGE - A township family of nine, including its 91-year-old grandmother, have been looking for a roof over their heads since their being burned out of their home here on Oct. 3.

West Orange Fire Department personnel had responded to a call of a house fire in the Huton Park section early that Sunday morning. They arrived to find the human occupants and most of their pets outside the 20 block of Fairview Place and flames coming out of its third floor.

Although firefighters brought the blaze under control, Blu Starbinski, the family's housecat, had perished. The 1910 wood-frame house was condemned.

Granddaughter Nadia Starbinski put out an appeal for housing and related items Oct. 13. Nadia particularly wanted a stable place for her grandmother, who needs weekly nurse visits. "Grandmother Starbinski" had returned from hospitalization the week before the fire.

Nadia has started a GoFundMe.com page for clothing, toiletries and related items.

SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD - The South Orange-Maplewood School District teacher in the eye of the alleged Oct. 6 "hajib-removal" incident., with permission of her lawyer, published an open letter to the two-town community Oct. 16.

Second Grade Seth Boyden Demonstration School teacher Tamar Herman, in an 11-paragraph letter, opened with, "I've been helping kids for over 30 years. I help kids tie their shoes, put on their jackets, put on their band-aids. I help kids learn every day."

Regarding what happened Oct. 6, Herman said she was standing near her students to give them instruction or review their work. She asked one of her students to raise the hood of her hooded sweatshirt.

"It was covering her eyes; with her mask on too, her whole face was covered," said Herman. "I gently got her attention by brushing up the front of her hood. The moment I realized she was not wearing her usual hajib underneath, she kept the hood on.

"Then the learning went on - and that is what happened."

Herman finished with a word to her students and the Seth Boyden community.

"I pray we can move forward as one community. Let us find a place where all of us can be our best selves and make a better, kinder world. I miss you so much."

BLOOMFIELD / CLIFTON - Visitation, funeral and committal services were held in Clifton's Marrocco Memorial Chapel and East Ridgelawn Cemetery Oct. 25-27 for Bloomfield Police Department Det. James Peri.

BPD announced Peri's end of watch as Oct. 22. Peri, 52, had

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AN HISTORIC WORLD SERIES BROADCAST



By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - What listeners and viewers of Broadcasting Major League Baseball's current 117th World Series take for granted - seven audio and video channels - began with Newarkers listening to WJZ here 100 years ago.

WJZ, above the Westinghouse Meter Plant at Orange and Plane streets, carried the Oct. 5-13, 1921 series between New York City's Giants and Yankees as live as they could make it for its time.

"Newark Sunday Call" sportswriter and Irvington native Sandford "Sandy" Hunt gave his play-by-play account at New York's Polo Grounds (where the landlord Giants and tenant Yankees played all of its series games) into a telephone.

That phone line went into WJZ's rooftop studio - and to the ear of station announcer Thomas Cowan, of West Orange. Cowan then recounted the action into the station's trans-

mitter and into the Westinghouse radio receiver sets that were tuned to 360 meters. Although the station had a 200-mile radius footprint, metropolitan Newark was its primary audience.

WJZ, following Pittsburgh pioneer KDKA, was the second radiotelephone station to be licensed in June 1921. Its staff was working on a blend of musical, children's and news programming for its Oct. 1 on-air debut when it got a call from Hunt.

Hunt, the sportswriter from the Call's 91-83 Halsey St. office, pitched the World Series coverage to the station. The third generation of the Sunday Call Hunt family was a former Cornell football player.

The American League Yankees, in their first Series appearance, won the Oct. 5 opener, 3-0. The National League Giants, however, became World Champions by winning five games to three. (The Series was perma-

included work to be performed by either a "journeyman" electrician or a "foreman," workers required by law to be paid the prevailing wage for any prevailing wage work they performed.

UMDNJ's Request for Proposals on the contract ultimately won by Adalex included specific language indicating the winning bidder must pay its workers prevailing wages for prevailing wage work.

A review by the State, however, found that Adalex billed UMDNJ and its successor enti-

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SETTLEMENT REACHED

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and submits a claim for payment to the state, the contractor also may violate the New Jersey False Claims Act.

Under its contract, Adalex handled a variety of projects for UMDNJ and its successor entities, including infrastructure work such as cable installation and repair, day-to-day operational support, and other jobs based on purchase orders.

Each of these task categories

nently switched to a best-of-seven format one year later)

WJZ, before the Giants clinched the series, received around 4,000 cards and letters, praising the station's public service. Westinghouse carried the 1922 series on now-four stations - before selling WJZ to rival Radio Corporation of America. RCA moved the studio to New York City - where it ultimately became WABC 770 AM in 1953.

ties more than \$100 per hour for its workers' labor, while actually paying those same workers an effective rate of less than \$30 per hour. Under prevailing wage laws, Adalex should have paid the workers more than twice as much.

The agreement announced today represents the second resolution of allegations by the State against Adalex related to its failure to pay prevailing wages. This agreement covers allegations relating to 2013-2014. Previously, Adalex agreed to pay

Cowan, credited as radio's first sportscaster, also became the first voice heard on WNYC-AM in 1925, WJZ's call letters are now worn by a Baltimore AM radio and a television station.

WJZ's first World Series opened a floodgate of live remote radio coverage - including intercollegiate football games, boxing prizefights, courtroom trials and other "as-it-happens" events.

more than \$114,500 to settle failure-to-pay-prevailing-wage allegations for 2015-2016 brought by New Jersey's Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Wage and Hour Compliance.

Under terms of the settlement announced today, neither Adalex nor the company's two principals, Anthony Parisella and Joseph Notarangelo, admit liability or wrongdoing.

The monetary aspect of the settlement requires the defend-

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From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

How Much Are You Open To Love?

If you are as I am, you might be frustrated to reading or turning on the news or social media these days just to see or hear the amount of self-hatred and hatred of one another that is about you.

Your heart must be aching when you see children crying because of the abuse that they have received from their parents. Some of you might even be shocked to see the number of public characters sobbing as they are rehearsing their stories of how they have been treated by neighbors who disagree with their point of view.

You might be questioning why so many public servants are resigning their positions because they are tired of the harassment. You might be wondering why so many ministers of the gospel are resigning from their positions, claiming burn out. And you might be wondering why so many people are saying that they are sick and tired of the harassment being used to destroy their families.

Finally, you might be asking, "What has happened to 'The Love Community' of which Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed and which Jesus commanded his disciples to build?"

I do not know that I have to

or need to state all the answers here, but let me offer the following five suggestions with brief reflections based on the Bible.

1. Jesus predicted the loss of love

Do I need to say that what was predicted concerning the coldness of human hearts is right on target? Jesus said, "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). Take a moment to consider the evils that are being perpetrated in our society at the moment. Look at the many ways in which conspiracy theories are being used for destruction. Think of all the money spent to create instruments of warfare to destroy one another. If you are watching carefully, you have to say that we have reached a depth of evil in our society, such has never been. Can we get more hateful, than we are at the moment?

2. The failure to obey the commandments of Jesus Christ

How many people today are living in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ to love? I am not asking that you lay judgment on anyone, but that you do a self-evaluation. As you have to deal with the meanness about you as Jesus had to do, are you following Jesus' example to love yourself, your neighbor and your enemy? Jesus told this to his disciples "A new commandment I give to you that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34). "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved

you." (John 15:12)

3. Failure to make love a priority

We are so engaged in securing ourselves that we hardly have time to love one another. If it is true that a woman was being raped on a train a few weeks ago, and no one intervened, then you know that self-preservation has become people's main motivation for action rather than love to one another. While sometimes people might give away little things to those about us, but we need to ask ourselves how much are they feeling our empathy and compassion, yet there is more fear than love in our relationships to one another? How much are we making love a priority in all that we are doing? How do those around us sense our meanness? How much are we truly loving from our hearts? How much are people feeling the love of God in what we are doing? The apostle Paul says, "If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:3 NIV).

4. Failure to encourage one another to love

Love is to be encouraged. If we spend most of our time spewing hate, talking about our dislikes, and reflecting on the meanness in society, we will never encourage love. The author of Hebrews recognized the lack of love, even in the Hebrew Christian community he served and advised, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and **let us con-**

sider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

5. Failure to maintain our first love

Let us remember that love that is planted in the heart must be nurtured, continually. This is true personally and in every aspect of relationship in which we are involved. Ask any successful marital partner, what has kept the romance and intimacy alive? They will tell you that they engage in a daily work of love renewal. We need to check ourselves on any resentment being built up along the way in our relationships because of the bruises that we might receive. As the apostle John ministered to one of his congregations, he must have noted the growing conflict among the membership when he reminded them of the message of Christ to them, "But I have this against you: You have abandoned your first love." (Revelation 2:4).

Here is one point that I add to all of the above as a conclusion: We cannot have love in our hearts if we do not have the Spirit of God. This is what the apostle Paul said, "The love of God is spread in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us." (Romans 5:5)

How much are you open to the Spirit? How much are you open to love?

FINANCE

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investment options is to conduct a brainstorming session to organize all the investment ideas from most possible to least possible. The brainstorming session can be done on your own, or you could identify strategic people that could join you for the ses-

sion. It is amazing how others are able to see things right before us that we do not initially recognize! That is why you should consider getting an outside person to assist with the brainstorming session.

Once you have listed all the investment options, please make the time to conduct a SWOT analysis of each investment. As-

sess the Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats. A lot of information can be found online to assist with undertaking the SWOT analysis. This will assist you in determining which options should be your top priority.

Next week, we shall continue to share pertinent information about developing investment

ideas.

Please feel free to share with me your questions and experiences on investing in stocks. I will do my best to respond, and, in some cases, I will write on some of these questions.

Your questions and comments can be sent to localtalk-news@gmail.com.

SPORTS WRAP

By William Hathaway, Jr.

We have now approaching the last week in the regular season for New Jersey high school football. The Orange Tornados went on the road and lost to Millburn 35-19. Their final game this year will be in Montclair at Woodman Field. Orange is 1-7, with their only win coming against Barringer.

Meanwhile, the West Orange High School football team is 6-2 on the season after beating Bloomfield 42-14 this past weekend. West Orange will finish their regular season at Irvington.

Of course, the team everyone is talking about are the 7-0 East Orange Jaguars, who will finish their regular season against West Side at home. East Orange is a top ranked team in the state, with another powerhouse being Seton Hall Prep. However, they took a hard loss to Bergen Catholic, who is among the top teams in the state. In other action, Central High stunned Hoboken 22-20 to get to 2-6.

In the NFL, the New York Giants easily beat the Carolina Panthers 25-3 in a surprise victory at home. On the other hand, the New York Jets were dropped by the New England Patriots 54-14. Not only did they lose the game, but they lost their QB Zach Wilson, who will be out 2-4 weeks with an injury.

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ants to:

- Make an initial \$67,924.20 payment to the State, of which \$25,000 will be paid to the whistleblower;
- Make \$92,075.80 in direct payments to two former Adalex employees, other than the whistleblower, who were identified by the State as having not received prevailing wages to which they were entitled; and
- Make yearly payments of \$3,000 to the State for the next five years, totaling \$15,000.

The State was represented in this matter by Deputy Attorney General and Section Chief Lara Fogel; Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Section Chief Kenneth Levine; Deputy Attorney General Carla Pereira; Deputy Attorney General Dana Vasers; and Attorney Jediah Pencinger, all from the Government & Healthcare Fraud Section of the Division of Law's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group, and Assistant Attorney General Janine Matton of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group.

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WORLD NEWS (Continued from page 6)

heating systems in a simple, fair and cheap way as they come to replace their old boilers over the coming decade. This will significantly reduce the UK's dependency on fossil fuels and exposure to global price spikes, whilst supporting up to 240,000 jobs across the UK by 2035.

New grants of £5,000 will be available from April next year to encourage homeowners to install more efficient, low carbon heating systems - like heat pumps that do not emit carbon when used - through a new £450 million 3-year Boiler Upgrade Scheme. These grants mean people choosing to install a heat pump will pay a similar amount as if they were installing a traditional gas boiler.

The £450 million Boiler Upgrade Scheme is part of more than £3.9 billion of new funding being announced today by the government for decarbonizing heat and buildings. This will fund the next 3 years of investment through the Social Housing Decarbonization Fund, the Home Upgrade Grant scheme, the Boiler Upgrade Scheme and the Heat Networks Transformation Program and reducing carbon emissions from public buildings through the Public Sector Decarbonization Scheme.

The government and industry will also work together to help meet the aim of heat pumps costing the same to buy and run as fossil fuel boilers by 2030, with big cost reductions of between a quarter and a half by 2025 expected as the market expands and technology develops.

This will support the government's

new target for all new heating systems installed in UK homes by 2035 to be either using low-carbon technologies, such as electric heat pumps, or supporting new technologies like hydrogen-ready boilers, where we are confident we can supply clean, green fuel.

No-one will be forced to remove their existing fossil fuel boilers, with this transition of the next 14 years seeing the UK's households gradually move away from fossil fuel boilers in an affordable, practical and fair way, enabling homeowners to easily make these green choices when the time comes to replace their old boiler.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said, "As we clean up the way we heat our homes over the next decade, we are backing our brilliant innovators to make clean technology like heat pumps as cheap to buy and run as gas boilers - supporting thousands of green jobs.

"Our new grants will help homeowners make the switch sooner, without costing them extra, so that going green is the better choice when their boiler needs an upgrade.

"The Heat and Buildings Strategy sets out how we are taking 'no-regrets' action now, particularly on heat pumps, whilst supporting ongoing trials and other research and innovation on our future heating systems, including on hydrogen. We will make a decision on the potential role for hydrogen in heating buildings by 2026, by learning from our Hydrogen Village pilot. Heat pump technology will play a key role in all scenarios, so for those who want to install them now, we are supporting them to do so."

BOARD SEAT CONTROVERSY

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she was elected to the NPS board on April 20, 2019. A majority of participating city voters gave her a candidate-high 4,935 votes, leading a "Moving Newark Schools Forward" team sweep. Her current term expires May 1, 2022.

KIPP, however, has selected Murray-Thomas for one of 17 seats on their KIPP Foundation Board of Directors. The non-profit foundation, according to its website, "trains and develops outstanding educators to lead KIPP schools."

Foundation board members serve three-year terms. They are serving as volunteers - except that KIPP pays their lodging and meeting expenses and are "encouraged" to make a financial contribution to KIPP.

Prospective foundation board members are to first apply for the position.

The Newark-headquartered KIPP: New Jersey approached Murray-Thomas in part because its foundation's directors have to be its schools' alumni. She attended and had been promoted from KIPP: TEAM Academy middle school in the South Ward on her way to Gill, Mass.' Northfield Mt. Hermon School and Swarthmore (Pa.) College.

Murray-Thomas, on Oct. 18, said she has not started serving on the New York City-based foundation. She added that being on that board would not be a conflict of interest because the foundation is not involved in school-level operations or contracts.

The NBOE's bylaws state that members should not take paid or volunteer positions that "might reasonably be expected to prejudice" their official positions. Its bylaws add that members should avoid actions that could lead to questioning "the integrity of any board decision."

Public school advocate

Yolanda Johnson said Murray-Thomas should choose one or the other board but not serve both. UFT teachers union president John Abeigon quoted Mathew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters," in his Facebook response.

The KIPP Foundation board, should Murray-Thomas, would be molding teachers for the nation's largest non-profit charter school network. It and KIPP corporate serves 120,000 students in 20 states and Washington, DC.

KIPP: New Jersey, at 14 schools and 5,000 students, operates Newark's largest charter school network. (It also runs four schools in Camden.)

NPS, the state's largest public school district, includes 40,000 students among 64 schools.

NPS and KIPP: New Jersey are currently in court over the disposition of the former Maple Avenue Elementary School building. The former is trying to get the building back after it was

sold to a developer who intended to convert it into an apartment building.

That developer, however, sold the building to KIPP. KIPP moved its SEEK Academy into the Maple Avenue building Sept. 1.

NPS was among the plaintiffs and KIPP among the respondents in a case over charter school expansion brought before the N.J. Supreme Court in April. The plaintiff had asserted that allowing the charter schools to continue its 2016-21 classroom expansion would further segregation at public school expense.

The state's high court ruled June 21 that the charters may continue its New Jersey Department of Education-promised expansion. The NJ Supreme Court will allow public districts to oppose future charter expansion by attempting to prove how it would harm their school budgets.

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

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chael Venezia released the following statement.

"Bloomfield College makes up a critical part of our township DNA and we are all deeply saddened and concerned to see the recent headlines citing their financial troubles. Their 153 year-long history of academic excellence is an asset to all of us. Bloomfield is one of the most diverse colleges in

the region and has helped so many students achieve their dreams. Unfortunately, the pandemic has made it increasingly difficult financially for small private colleges across the nation. I have personally reached out to President Evans to offer our support. We will do whatever we can to ensure that the college will continue to serve our community."

On October 24, President Evans spoke at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark. Evans appealed to the public to keep Bloom-

field College open. The Sunday service, which started at 9:15 a.m., was attended by at least 130 people online and many more in person. In her remarks, Dr. Evans mentioned the role of the college in the community and the state.

According to Evans, Bloomfield College is the only four-year college in New Jersey recognized as a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Minority Serving Institution (MSI).

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died after a long battle against COVID-19.

Peri, who was born in Paterson, was an 11-year BPD detective and member of PBA Local No. 32. The longtime Cliftonite came from the Passaic Police Department, which he had served for five years.

Wife Michele, children Quinci and Logan, sister Joanne Ballard and brothers Robert, Glen and Michael Peri and Joseph Leskow are among his survivors. Memorial donations may be made to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association.

MONTCLAIR - USA Fencing has all but banned Montclair High School graduate Alen Hadzic from fencing competition while claims of his alleged sexual misconduct are fully investigated.

USA Fencing, on Oct. 21, said that Hadzic, 29, will only be entering meets "to the extent it is legally compelled to do so," but has idled him, "for the foreseeable future." The sanctioning body said it had to consider "many factors, including his registration of individuals reflects on USA Fencing, its values and the interests of other athletes."

Hadzic, now a West Orange

resident, will not be going to an end-of-October meet at Colmar, France. Hadzic's attorney, Michael Palma, of Morristown, called the decision, "troubling" in that USA Fencing so ruled "simply because the mob scares them into it."

No charges have been filed against Hadzic. The US Center for SafeSport has been investigating claims of sexual assault from six women going back to 2017. USCSS was formed as an independent panel in the wake of the abuse of USA Gymnastics athletes by the US Olympic Team doctor.

The investigation has been conducted before Hadzic was named to the USCO Fencing

Team and while he was present with the team while at the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo. He was allowed to be on the men's epee team as an alternate but was lodged away from the Olympic Village.

The suspension is not his first. USA Fencing has learned that Columbia University kept Hadzic from competition in 2013 for a year while it investigated a sexual assault claim made by a woman teammate. Her lawyer told Columbia that he should be banned from USA Fencing.

BELLEVILLE - Stephens and Belleville Chief of Police Mark

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THE DOCTOR IS IN

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flu than getting the vaccine.

Can the COVID vaccine give my child COVID?

No, this is biologically impossible because the vaccine doesn't even contain the live strain of the virus. It operates on mRNA technology. However, your child can still get COVID if only one dose was administered and there hasn't been enough time to build immunity.

Are there risks to the COVID vaccine in children?

Yes, sadly. But this is not peculiar to the coronavirus vaccine. All medications on the planet have some sort of inherent risk, however small. The most pronounced risk for the coronavirus vaccine is myocarditis. But the

chances of getting it are pretty low - 2.13 in 100,000 people. There is even a higher risk of the virus causing myocarditis.

Can my vaccinated child still get the virus?

Again, yes, sadly. However, this is not an age thing. Adults can also get the virus even after being vaccinated. This is because of the emergence of new strains that can evade the protective efforts of the vaccine. But it is expected of the third or booster doses to reinforce this protection. Also, the chances of getting seriously ill after being vaccinated are very low.

There you have it, some of the most frequently asked questions by parents about the vaccine. As you can see, the vaccine is safe for children, as it is for adults. As a parent, with schools open, you should get your children vaccinated to protect them fully. Stay safe.

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Minichini have recently said that they have a North Arlington man, accused of sexually assaulting a township teen, in custody since Oct. 8.

Bradley O'Dell, said Stephens and Minichini, was arrested "without incident" that Friday. He has been charged with luring a minor, endangering the welfare of a child and sexual assault.

O'Dell is accused of meeting the 13-year-old on an online dating app. He and the teen arranged meetings each in Belleville, Nutley and Lyndhurst last month - where he committed the assaults.

35 Years for Child Assault Convict

A Belleville man, convicted Nov. 19, 2019 of repeatedly sexually assaulting a nine-year-old girl here, was sentenced by State Superior Court-Newark Judge Martin Cronin Oct. 15 to a 35-year prison sentence.

The sentence on Jose Santana, 60, includes serving at least 85 percent of his term before being considered for parole. It is not known whether Santana's detention time since his Sept. 26, 2018 arrest was factored in. His Jan. 12, 2020 sentencing was postponed and extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Santana was guilty of assaulting the girl while she visited him and his wife. The girl

testified at his trial.

NUTLEY - Nutley Board of Education President Charles Kucinski may be getting a notice from the New Jersey Department of Education that an ethics complaint has been filed against him by now.

It will be no surprise to the long-time BOE member, since a group of parents - who call themselves Loud Mouths - told him and the board of their intent to file at their Oct. 18 meeting.

The group of residents and parents cited Kucinski's handling of the Aug. 23 meeting's public comments segment and the Oct. 20 reversal of the board's Aug. 23 vote.

The complaint noted that Kucinski, as president of the meeting, did

not enforce NBOE's three-minute public speaking limit Aug. 23. Kucinski had previously strictly enforced the limit.

NBOE, acting on a majority of speakers' sentiment, voted to have a letter drafted and sent to Gov. Phil Murphy opposing mask-wearing mandates. That vote was split, 6-2 and an abstention.

The board, on Sept. 20, voted 5-1 with three members absent, to rescind that letter. Kucinski, when asked, said the reversal was made after he and the panel "heard from the community, the majority supporting masks in schools."

It is up to the NJDOE Ethics Commission whether to investigate the complaint.

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